(b) what are the names of the mills which are sick; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove their sickness?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Name of the textile mills situated in West Bengal under NTC (WBABO) Ltd., Calcutta

Nationalised Units

1. Bengal Textile Mills.
2. Mahindra Mills.
3. Central Cotton Mills.
4. Bengal Fine & Spinning & Weaving Mills No. 1
5. Bengal Luxmi Cotton Mills.
6. Sh. Mahalaxmi Cotton Mills.
7. Rampooria Cotton Mills.
8. Luxminarayan Cotton Mills
9. Arti Cotton Mills.
10. Bangasri Cotton Mills.
11. Bengal Fine Spg. & Wvg. Mills No 2.
12. Jyoti Wvg. Factory.
13. Kanoria Industries.
14. Sodepur Cotton Mills.

Managed Mills

1 Mohini Mills.

(b) During the year 1986-87, all the 15 mills in West Bengal, under NTC (WBABO), incurred losses.

(c) Some of the important steps taken/being taken to improve the performance of mills under NTC (WBABO) are as under:—

(i) Selective modernisation according to priorities to achieve optimum gains within available resources;

(ii) Strict review of the performance of managers with reference to definite action plans;

(iii) Greater enforcement of accountability of top managers;

(iv) Review and strict control of various cost elements;

(v) Infusing better management at all levels;

(vi) Improvement in product-mix and greater marketing efforts to achieve better sales realisation rates;

(vii) Strengthening of management information system for timely flow of information, effective review and decision-making;

(viii) Speedy implementation of labour rationalisation;

(ix) Effective implementation of workers participation in management so as to increase productivity;

(x) Strict control and supervision on the filling up vacant posts; and

(xi) Identifying the mills as profit centres and delegation of power and authority to the General Managers of the mills, with responsibilty for performance.

Silk Production in West Bengal

2405. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what are the details of the Silk Board's activities in West Bengal in regard to increasing the production of silk?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): In order to supplement the efforts of the State Government of West Bengal for development of Sericulture, the Central Silk Board (CSB) has set up the following units in the State:

(i) Central Sericultural Research & Training Institute with 10 Research Extension Centres.

(ii) 5 Regional Sericulture Research Stations.

(iii) 1 Cold Storage

(iv) 1 Common facilities Centre for reeling

(v) 3 Silkworm Seed Production Centres.

(vi) 1 Basic Seed Multiplication and Training Centre.

(vii) 1 Certification Centre.

(viii) 1 Regional Development Office.

Besides these, the CSB is implementing an Intensive Sericulture Development Project in the State involving an outlay of Rs. 9.66 crores. The Project initiated during 1985-86 envisages bringing an additional area of 4000 acres under high-yielding mulberry plantation by 1989-90 and introduction of improved mathods of silkworm rearing, besides providing infrastructure required for sericulture development.

Regional Rural Banks

2406. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allowances/facilities in the Regional Rural Banks of Andhra Pradesh are uniform; and

(b) if not, what are the disparities and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As per section 17(1) of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 the pay and allowances of Officers and other employees of Regional Rural Banks including those of Andhra Pradesh are fixed according to the pay and allowances available to the equated category of posts in various State Governments including Andhra Pradesh Government. The existing data reporting system does not yield exact information about the pay and allowances being paid by different RRBs in the States. However, instances of disparities as and when brought to the notice of Government/NABARD are looked into and remedial action taken wherever found necessary.

Withdrawal of Benefits of the Staff of Regional Rural Banks in Andhra Pradesh

2407. SHRI NARAYAN KAR Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing benefits to the staff in the Regional Rural Banks of Andhra Pradesh are being withdrawn; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in the case of Officers, some benefits have had to be withdrawn because the equated category of post in the State Government does not enjoy these benefits.

Proposals for lift irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh pending clearance

2408. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government sent proposals in November, 1986 for giving clearance to the lift irrigation projects to irrigate drought areas in Warangal district and has been awaiting clearance from the Central Water and Power Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the reason for the delay in giving necessary clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent only a preliminary proposal. After examination, comments were sent to the State Government.

दिल्ली में भवनों की सुरक्षा ड्यूटी के लिए ठेके

2409. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले अनेक वर्षों में दिल्ली में भवनों में सुरक्षा ड्यूटी के लिये ठेकेदारों को बड़े पैमाने पर ठेके दिये गये हैं;